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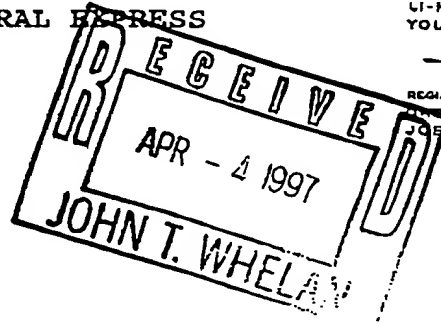
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Re: "Satellite Broadcasting System
Employing Channel Switching" (Dillon)
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Dear John:

Enclosed for filing are a final draft of the above-identified patent application, which has been revised based on comments provided by you and Doug Dillon, and a set of claims and an abstract for foreign filing. Also enclosed is a diskette containing a copy of the application (entitled A:\PDN96055.APP).

In his comments on the first draft, Doug Dillon suggested that another review of the claims would be needed before the application is filed. Please call if any further revisions are required.

Also, Doug confirmed that he is the sole inventor of the subject matter claimed in this application and that, contrary to the belief he expressed earlier, Ken Sahai did not contribute to the conception of any of the claimed subject matter.

Sincerely,

Scott M. Gettleson

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Enclosures
cc: Karl A. Vick, Esquire (without enclosures)